

The Brow-Wrinkling Roosevelts Act Out Their Marital Grievances In Court



"He said his salary was \$4,000 a week . . ." "I was not receiving a salary . . ." "His financial picture began to change . . ." "I guess I'm getting poorer by the minute . . ."

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Roosevelts' Case Delayed Several Months Questions At Hearing Blocked By Judge

PASADENA, Calif. — The separate maintenance suit against James Roosevelt, in which his wife accuses him of adultery with 12 women, won't go to trial for six or eight months, a judge said today.

A crowded calendar will delay the case, said Superior Judge Kurtz Kauffman, who recessed a pre-trial hearing yesterday after a lawyer tried to question Roosevelt about one of the women.

Kauffman ruled such questions will be proper only when Mrs. Romelle Schneider Roosevelt's suit for \$3,500 monthly support actually is tried.

Intimate details of Roosevelt's complex financial affairs and his family's lavish standard of life

Drew Pearson, in his column today on the Editorial Page, writes about the Roosevelt case.

were recited in the day-long court session. Opposing counsel will delve further into these matters when the temporary support hearing is resumed Feb. 15.

Mrs. Roosevelt's complaints names three women as co-respondents and incorporates a letter, signed by Roosevelt, in which he admits infidelities with nine women. Since her suit was filed, Roosevelt has denied misconduct with any of the 12.

The question about one of the

Ke Assails Gloomy Talk

By JACK BELL

WASHINGTON (AP)—President Eisenhower has advised Americans to avoid "prophecies of gloom" and has promised them a "big brother" partner in the federal government.

Addressing a cheering throng of more than 6,500 at a GOP box supper last night, Eisenhower united Democratic predictions of hard times, saying "The United States doesn't need to fall."

And he emphasized he wants to conduct the presidency under the Constitution "in the same general form" as it now stands.

He spoke only 12 minutes. In that time he took on two sets of critics—those, like former President Harry S. Truman, who say the country is now in a recession, and those who have been calling for a constitutional amendment that would limit the scope of treaties and give Congress more control over international agreements.

"We don't have to listen to the prophets of gloom who say we are going into this or that kind of stumble or fall," he declared as the crowd cheered.

DEFENDS CONSTITUTION

Then, without mentioning by name Sen. Bricker (R-Ohio), whose constitutional amendment on treaty powers he has opposed, Eisenhower said:

"We must make certain that the genius of our Constitution and our government shall not perish, that it shall belong . . . to those who come after us in the same general form."

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OUR WEATHER

Partly cloudy today, tonight and tomorrow. Little change in temperature. Monday, fair and cool.

Low temperature this morning, 31 degrees.

Low temperature expected tonight, 31 degrees.

High temperature yesterday, 51 degrees.

High temperature expected today, 54 degrees.

Sunrise 7:18 a.m.; sunset 5:37 p.m.

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SHOWS IMPROVEMENT



Pope Pius XII, reported in a weakened condition today, is shown blessing a 1948 Vatican audience as he was carried to the Sistine chapel in the ornate restful chair. The pontiff, weakened through inability to eat normally, has been ill for 11 days with an ailment described as malfunctioning of the neuro-digestive tract. (AP Wirephoto)

Pope Little Better But Still Weak

VATICAN CITY (AP)—Pope Pius XII shows symptoms of a very slight improvement, but "the state of general weakness persists," his private doctor announced today.

The doctor, Prof. Riccardo Galeazzi-Lisi, said the pope "is moderately fair" tonight.

A Vatican spokesman, Mgr. Angelo Dell'acqua of the secretary of state's office, said there was hope the pontiff, 77, might be able better to take some nourishment.

The pope's trouble keeping down food has caused anxiety. To help him eat intravenously. He has been unable to rise.

The Rome newspaper Il Tempo said the pope, the spiritual leader of 400 million Roman Catholics throughout the world, had not left his bed in his third floor apartment in the Vatican Palace since he was stricken Jan. 25. He tried to rise once or twice, the newspaper said, but was too feeble to do so.

Truman Flays GOP's Claims

NEW YORK (AP)—Former President Harry S. Truman said last night that "the recession that started on the farms last spring has already spread to the city streets—and a depression would do likewise." He scoffed at the "miracles" he said were promised by the Republican party.

In a speech before the Americans for Democratic Action, Truman said, "I don't think there is any necessity for a depression."

"One thing is clear by now after a year of the Eisenhower administration," Truman said, "and that is the Republican party is not made up of miracle workers."

"The income level of the farmer and working man are beginning to decline, he said, "compared to the share of the businessman and the corporations and the landlords. Our national wealth is being distributed in reverse, from the poor to the rich."

Truman spoke to a nationwide (CBS) radio audience as well as to the more than 1,000 persons at the

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Many Die As Quake Hits Mexican Towns

Coffee-Growing Section Stricken

MEXICO CITY (AP)—A strong earthquake wrecked four towns in the tropical, coffee-growing state of Chiapas yesterday, killed many persons and spread famine and terror over an area 50 miles in diameter, a dispatch from Tuxtla, Gutierrez said today.

Dulles To Ask Molotov's Aid In Korea Talks

By JOHN M. HIGHTOWER

BERLIN (AP)—Secretary of State Dulles has decided to ask Soviet Foreign Minister Vyacheslav M. Molotov to use his influence with the Chinese Communists in an effort to break the Pannumun deadlock on a Korean peace conference.

Dulles will make his move in Big Four secret talks here Monday.

At that time the question of Korea is to be brought up among the foreign ministers in connection with a Soviet proposal for a Big Five conference, including Communist China.

The United States position, diplomatic informants said, is that the American government will categorically reject any five-power conference which is of such a character as to recognize the Chinese Communist regime as one of the great powers. But it is willing to deal with Red China on specific and limited issues which can only be handled in that way.

The American approach to a Far Eastern peace settlement worked out by Dulles and his advisers is that the United States will support by Britain and France, that Molotov will be dealing with a solid Western front as usual in talks opening Monday afternoon.

Dulles has invited Molotov to dinner tonight. Their social meeting promises to be the highlight of a weekend in which the development of diplomacy here has slowed to a crawl. The week has followed by a poor substantial economic revival in the early spring.

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Another physician, called in yesterday, is a noted Italian general practitioner, Dr. Cesare Frugoni. In St. Peter's Basilica, Romans and pilgrims from other cities prayed for the 77-year-old spiritual leader of the world's Roman Catholics whose light fever and symptoms of gastritis remain an unsolved problem.

Three German nuns attend the pope who is receiving the end of his second week of an enervating illness officially reported to have caught him "weakened by excessive, prolonged mental and physical work."

Around the world, millions were praying for the Pope's recovery.

Boy Learns He's Heir To \$6 Million Fortune

NEW YORK (AP)—An 11-year-old boy who since infancy had regarded himself as an orphan today had these staggering new facts to consider:

1. He has just inherited \$6,000,000, less taxes.
2. His mother was the victim of one of the most sensational slayings in New York history.
3. His father is not dead, but imprisoned for the crime.

The boy on whose case these overwhelming discoveries fell Friday is William Anthony Brulay. Before his name was legally changed in 1947 he was Wayne William Lonerger.

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Upturn Seen In Employment

By STERLING F. GREEN

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Comic Dictionary

CHILDREN

Merely men and women who have not yet succumbed to civilization.

Polio-Stricken Officer Dies Aboard Troop Ship

SEATTLE (AP)—Creeping death, touched off plans for a race against time and hinged on the ability of a PBV to land in five-foot seas which were buffeted by the Pacific.

The officer, who was not identified, died from an acute attack of poliomyelitis aboard the troop transport Gen. M. M. Patrick at Fort Angeles, 77 miles to the northwest.

Deaths stepped in only seven hours after the Patrick radioed Coast Guard headquarters here that the officer had at the utmost 12 hours to live, that death was certain if he was not placed in an iron lung.

The crisp radio message

Furs, Jewelry Stolen From Mrs. Roosevelt

MIAMI BEACH, Fla. (AP)—Three mink stoles and an undetermined amount of jewelry has been stolen from the home of Mrs. R. J. Reynolds, police reported today.

Mrs. Reynolds, divorced wife of the tobacco heir, lives here on Sunset Island No. 1. She was reported to be at her New York home, 1 Beekman Place.

A housekeeper found a door forced open and discovered the burglary, said Detective J. D. Taylor. There was no immediate estimate of the loss.

EVENING PRAYER

Our Heavenly Father, we thank Thee for all of those who carry Thy message of Salvation. Help us to stand back of them with our resources, our prayers, and our love. In His name, Amen.

Seven Children, Mother Perish

SPRINGFIELD, Mo. (AP)—Fire raged through a four-room frame house here early today, killing seven children and the mother of four of the youngsters.

The dead were identified as Mrs. Evelyn Lillard, 50; her four children, Linda, 6; Kay, 4; Barbara, 2; and Johnny Jr., 3 months; and Gary Letterman, 4; Linda Lee Letterman, 10; and Sandra Kay Letterman, 11.

The Letterman children had been staying at the Lillard home while their mother, Mrs. Dorothy Letterman, was at a Springfield hospital with another son who is critically ill with a brain tumor. She is divorced from the children's father, John Lillard, 28, the father of the Lillard children, escaped from the blazing home but suffered severe burns. He told police his wife awakened him and told him the house was on fire but he said he did not know how he managed to escape from the flaming structure. He was in serious condition at a hospital.

Origin of the fire was not determined.

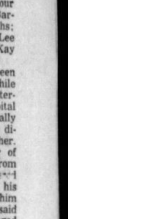


Jeffersonville, Ind., Quartermaster Depot employees are examining saddles, which some Congressmen say are a surplus item at the depot. Brig. Gen. A. L. Marshall, depot commander, said there was no surplus and denied that any of the saddles date back to Spanish-American War days. Chief Wrenchmaster Byron Snelling (left) examines an officer's saddle as Emil Eitel, commodity branch chief, looks at a pack saddle. (AP Wirephoto)

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